

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-46 and 53-92 are pending. The Examiner has required restriction of the claim, but Applicants are unable to elect claims for examination because it appears that our Preliminary Amendment of February 12, 2004 was not entered prior to mailing of the present Office Action. Therefore, Applicants request that the claim amendments be entered and considered by the Examiner prior to his requiring restriction.


A statement claiming priority to parent applications has been added. The Information Disclosure Statement is supplemented by adding the two U.S. patents which issued from the parent applications. They are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Return of an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 is requested pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 609.

Applicants earnestly solicit an early and favorable examination on the merits. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AR	6,784,155	08/2004	Wolpe et al.			
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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Form PTO-FB-A820 (Also PTO-1449)